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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a one month extension of time in which to file an RCE application. An Amendment After Final Action and a Notice of Appeal were mailed on January 9, 2004 and were received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 12, 2004, with a two month response period ending March 12, 2004. The extended period expires on April 12, 2004.

A check for \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for a one month extension of time. If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666. A duplicate of this Petition is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

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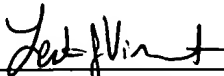
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An RCE, a Supplemental Amendment, and an Information Disclosure
Statement with respect to this application accompany this Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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